

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY INDIANA  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014**

Mayor Phil Deckard called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, October 20, 2014. Del Chafey then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

**THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Phil Deckard, Mayor  
Terry Buster, District 1  
Bob Strader, District 2  
Gary Lester, District 3  
Jeff Price, District 4  
Phil Deckard II, District 5  
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large  
Shannon Kohl, Councilwoman-at-Large  
Ross Holloway, City Engineer  
Roger Coffin, City Attorney  
Bob Carter, Fire Chief  
Roger Wiltermood, Chief of Police  
Craig DeMott, Street Superintendent  
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer  
Becky Tumey, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Clerk

A quorum was declared present.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Bob Strader to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the Minutes as written. Councilmen Phil Deckard II and Terry Buster seconded the motion. The Motion passes 6-0. Councilman Eric Bowlen abstained because he was absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Ohio Street project is on time and estimated time of completion is September 2015. INDOT has control of this project.

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**ENGINEERS REPORT**

City Engineer Ross Holloway distributed the monthly report to the Council. Regarding Artesian Acres, Kenna Associates will be conducting an income study of Artesian Acres so the project will be eligible for an OCRA grant. Stormwater improvements will be funded through a combination of OCRA construction grant funds and the 2014 Bond Issue. There will be a carbon exchange at Well #3. Calgon reactivated carbon from the last exchange and will remove existing carbon with the reactivated carbon. The City should expect a saving of \$41,283. The reactivated carbon will cost \$85,746.00. Sanitary Sewer failure again in the area of one block south of Jackson Street. The City is getting quotes from contractors for the removal of residential waste and comparing the quotes to the City's actual costs to determine if privatization is the direction to go. No decision has been to date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**REDISCOVER MARTINSVILLE** - Tina Chafey reported all light poles have sponsors for the 2014 holiday season. She has a waiting list of 13.

**Martinsville City Parks** - Park Board President Del Chafey reported playground equipment will soon be installed at Mulberry Street Park. Also, the Parks Department has taken possession of the backhoe and are grateful to have it. Trees at the Jimmy Nash City Park have been trimming trees. They are cutting wood up for the use on the Pavilion this winter. They are considering donated surplus firewood to the Community. Pamela Dunscomb - Director of Recreation invited everyone to the Pumpkins in the Park this Sunday. The event runs 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bob Strader asked Del why the trees are numbered in the Park. Del explained they are marked to be considered for removal, trimming or other needs.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #2014-334 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN -** City Engineer Ross Holloway presented the resolution. In essence this resolution tells the Indiana Housing Authority that the Council is looking favorably upon issues for affordable, senior housing, preservation and protection of core neighborhoods within Martinsville.

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**Mayor Deckard recessed the Council Meeting to allow a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2015 Budget. Resolution 2014-1695 – Appropriation and Tax Rates - The Mayor called for comments. There being none, he concluded the Public Hearing.**

Reconvene Common Council Meeting

A Motion to approve Resolution 2014-1695 was made by Councilman Gary Lester and seconded by Councilman Eric Bowlen. The Motion passes 7-0.

By oral declaration yeas included: Councilman Bowlen; Councilman Buster, Councilwoman Kohl, Councilman Strader; Councilman Lester; Councilman Price and Councilman Deckard.

**RESOLUTION #2014-334 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
Discussion continuing from before Public Hearing...**

Several people came to the mic to share their thoughts and views on this subject. Speakers included Cecelia Kreft, Bill Robinson, and Gene Wallace. Councilwoman Shannon Kohl was asked to clarify discussions regarding this topic from the Planning and Zoning Board. A motion was made by Councilman Gary Lester to accept and allow this resolution. Councilwoman Shannon Kohl seconded the motion. The motion passes 7-0.

**RESOLUTION 2014-335 – Enlarge Participation in PERF** - This resolution will allow two newly created positions in the Parks Department to be added to PERF. The positions added are the Director of Grounds and the Director of Recreation. A motion was made by Councilman Eric Bowlen to accept and allow the positions into PERF. This was seconded by Councilman Gary Lester. The motion passes 7-0.

**ORDINANCE 2014-1693 – Rezoning certain land upon application of Flaherty and Collins from R-2 to B-2**

After a lengthy discussion by members of the audience and Council, a motion was made by Councilman Jeff Price to table the ordinance. This was seconded by Councilman Gary Lester. The motion passes 7-0.

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**CLAIMS**

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Councilman Jeff Price. Councilman Eric Bowlen the motion. The claims were accepted with a vote of 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilman Bob Strader made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Terry Buster. The motion passes 7-0.

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Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-large

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*Philip R. Deckard III*  
Philip R Deckard III, Councilman (Phillip) III

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*Robert Strader*  
Robert Strader, Councilman-at-Large

ATTEST:

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*Valerie Hugart*  
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer